

HONORING THE GIRL FRIENDS, INC.—NEW HAVEN CHAPTER ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the New Haven Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc. as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary at their annual Kentucky Derby Luncheon. The oldest African American female service organization in New Haven, the New Haven Girl Friends is a unique organization within our community.

Chartered just five years after the national organization, the New Haven Girl Friends have been a center of service and community for African American women in our community. Their work to promote friendship, social interaction, charitable and cultural activities has enriched our community and the lives of its residents. From their success in housing all visiting members at the organization's 1942 Conclave and integrating the Taft Hotel in downtown New Haven to their generous support of projects like the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture as well as the NAACP and The Girl Friends Fund Scholarship program, the New Haven Girl Friends have left an indelible mark on our community.

Each year on the weekend of the Kentucky Derby, members gather in fellowship to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded annually to students throughout Greater New Haven and Hartford as well as to benefit local community-based programs, the nonprofit Girl Friends Fund Foundation and other initiatives of the New Haven Chapter. Their mission has been to actively engage the community and their goals are rooted in the understanding that our communities thrive when every member contributes to its success. The members of the New Haven Girl Friends include some of our communities most prominent social advocates—many of whom dedicate both their professional and personal lives to public service. These women stand as role models for us all, but particularly for our young people. They inspire us with their deep commitment to community and compassion for others.

It is my great honor to rise today to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the New Haven Chapter of Girl Friends, Inc. for their innumerable and invaluable contributions to our community. It is my honor to congratulate you on your 90th Anniversary and, as we say in Italian, C'ent Anni—to another hundred years.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS PATRICK FOR HIS WIN AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TENNIS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicholas Patrick, a freshman

from Alleman Catholic High School, who won the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State tennis title.

Nicholas won the 1A state tennis title in singles, becoming the first Quad Cities area IHSA boys state tennis champion since 1996. As a former athlete, I commend him for his determination and attitude. Nicholas is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see him represent Rock Island so well throughout the state and the country with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Nicholas that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Nicholas Patrick on his Class 1A State title in tennis.

CONGRATULATING JAMES RASMUSSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS A STRONG COMMUNITY LEADER

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate James Rasmussen on his retirement. James has served as a strong community leader working on environmental, habitat, and community issues along the Duwamish River.

My staff and I have had the pleasure of working with James for several years. He has played an important role serving his community as part of the Duwamish Tribe and the Duwamish River Community Coalition.

James has been an extremely effective advocate for the cleanup of the Duwamish River. He has also been a fierce supporter of the river's nearby communities and has served as a tireless and committed advocate for decades in our region. His efforts and dedication have been invaluable in support of the protection of the Duwamish River. His work will help to ensure that the river is restored for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank and commend James Rasmussen for spending his career focused on the protection and cleanup of the Duwamish River. I congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING RICHARD SMITH OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

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Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and community leaders to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Richard Smith of Milford, Connecticut for his outstanding and invaluable contributions to our community.

A graduate of Yale University and Trinity College, where he majored in political science

with concentrations in American government and public policy respectively, Rich has always held a firm commitment to giving back to his community. He sought ways in which he could use his passion for government and public policy to make a difference, enrich the community, and improve the quality of life for others. Having spent a number of his high school years volunteering on various local campaigns, he became a member of his local town committee where he has spent decades supporting local candidates and driving policy agendas. Dedicating his time and energies to the committee and its work, he took on several leadership positions, including serving as its chairman for a record-breaking eighteen years.

As much as politics is his passion, public service is the moral compass by which Rich is guided. He has volunteered countless hours to serving both the City of Milford and the State of Connecticut. Appointed by the Mayor, he has served for a number of years as a member of the Regional Water Authority's Representative Policy Board which is charged with the appointment of the five members to serve on the Regional Water Authority; the approval of land sales, rate increases, bond sales and any capital project with a cost in excess of \$2 million; the appointment of the Office of Consumer Affairs as well as the external auditor; and the ratification of the appointment of the chief executive officer. For the last decade he has served as a member of the Milford Police Commission, also serving as its chairman for several terms. In 2017, he was nominated to a five-year term by then Governor Dannel Malloy to serve on Connecticut's Judicial Review Council as one of six citizen members. Established in 1976, the Judicial Review Council is charged with investigating and acting on allegations of misconduct within the state's judicial system. In every facet of his service to the community, Rich has leveraged his appreciation and excitement for politics and government into making a real difference in the lives of others.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Rich for many years now and consider myself fortunate to have a friend like him in my corner. His leadership and vision have left an indelible mark that will continue to inspire generations of new community leaders for years to come. I am honored to rise today to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Richard Smith for his outstanding service to the community and his dedicated work on behalf of others. I wish him as well as his wife, Michelle, and daughters Melissa, Meghan, and Rebecca, all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SURVEY ON REMEDYING THE EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATION IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the executive summary of a report by the Department of Justice (DOJ) titled "The Compelling